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Thursday, March 7, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

Academic Forum 201

PRESENT: A. Arnold, A. Awadallah, C. Bloh, G. Bamberger, E. Collins (sub for J. Cevallos), J. Ronan, J. Delle, S. Fernando, J. Gehringer, R. Grapsy, E. Hanna, D. Johnson (President), T. McNally, G. Schaper, Y. Kim, A. Kirshman, J. Kremser, M. Le Bosse, S. Lem, J. Lizza, K. Logan, C. Nordlund, K. Prock, P. Reed, J. Schlegel, M. Sims, R. L. Smith, C. Vargas P. Walsh-Coates, C. Watson, B. Zigner, E. Hanna, T. Maskulka, F. Cortez-Funk, K. Gardi, L. Barish, K. McCloskey, B. McCree, A. Walz, G. Zelleke, A. Antoni (sub for C. Sacchi), D. Scott (sub for B. Zigner), C. Wells, H. Hamlet

ABSENT: R. Fliszar, R. Gross, J. Heller, L. Irving, J. Laskoski, C. Rutherford, P. Ferreira, P. Dewey, D. Immel, J. Jackson, M. Mahosky, N. Butler

GUESTS ATTENDING

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
- II. **Announcements**
 - None.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - There were no objections to the agenda as presented. Agenda approved.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes from February 7, 2012**
 - There were no corrections to the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting. Minutes approved.
- V. **Election of University Senate Vice President**
 - A. D. Johnson went over the list of people who were not eligible to run for Senate Vice President. A. Arnold moved to elect Jen Schlegel. Motion was seconded by ... Nominations were closed and the decision was unanimous to elect J. Schlegel as Vice President.
- VI. **President, Committee and Task Force Reports**
 - A. Senate President's Report – D. Johnson
 - i. Ombudsperson
 1. Referred to Senate, Executive Committee, Provost & President's office. They will meet again next week however there was no answer.
 - ii. Update on Committees
 1. D. Johnson announced that the on line willingness to serve will be open through midnight on Thursday, February 7, 2013.
 - iii. Final Exam Task Force to Report in May

1. D. Johnson asked APSCUF for two members to serve with two Senators, and a representative from the Provost's office to look at the final examination policy. To find out if students have the ability to ask about limiting the number of finals they have on one day.
 2. The Political Science Department would like Senate to look at the repeat policy.
- B. Committee on Committees Report – A. Arnold**
- i. The Academic Technology Committee asked for a minor change to the by-laws. Based on standard language used in the by-laws. Motion to amend the by-laws passed with one abstention from
- C. Comments from President Cevallos**
- i. Campus safety and security is a major concern for the University. Training will be offered soon. Two summits on campus with community at large on the issues of safety.
 - ii. Budget projection: They are currently looking at an enrollment plan and have hired a consultant group that is meeting with the deans. Ken Long and Matt Delaney from the Budget office discussed budget projections. There is a 4.7% decrease in enrollment (3,365,168), 3.27% in SCUPA and a 2.35% increase with APSCUF. They have also projections for 2013-2014 (based on two years of enrollment declines). There could be a 3% increase in tuition, enrollment remains flat, state appropriation & budget to remain flat, retention rate is up 11%, salary increase of 4.1% across all bargaining units, increase in retirement costs 22%. And healthcare costs increase.
- D. Academic Technology Report – L. Frye**
- i. Discussion of MyKU
 1. There have been issues with advisement. Questions have been raised about competency courses that were listed late and capped classes. This issue was referred to the Provost's office.
 2. Chairs could register students during interim period. That is not long the case.
 3. If there is a Bursar seal then the advisor cannot see the current semester.
 4. The list of concerns will be forwarded to Lisa Frye for examination.
- E. Discussion of Transfer Competencies – R. Schaeffer**
- i. The Provost at RACC reported that students are questioning the transfer process because of the refusal of departments to accept courses that are competency.
 - ii. Does the University have an articulation agreement with community colleges in regards to competency courses. R. Schaeffer spoke to this point – It raises questions whether it is legal to add this to the agreement. Bottom line our “feeder” schools are establishing competencies for their courses. RACC is working on this and is hopefully going to serve as a model for other feeder schools. Are the feeder schools sending students to other schools in the state system?

VII. Old Business

A. Institutional Climate Committee motion (tabled)

- i. Commission on Human Diversity. Jerry Schearer spoke to the question as to whether an institutional climate committee is necessary. He argues that the two entities function very differently. M. Sims moved to table until next meeting and A. Walz seconded the motion.

VIII. New Business

A. Grade Appeal Policy – K. Danielson

- i. J. Schlegal motioned to amend policy language from “to” to “up to” in section B. It was seconded by R. Grapsy. The Grade Appeal policy passed. Then everyone was asked if anyone had an objection to sending?????????

IX. As May Arise

- A. None

X. Adjournment

- A. There were no objections to D. Johnson’s motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.